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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN REQUEST FOR BILATERAL ON INDIAN OCEAN

REF: USUN 1299

1. SUBJECT OF INDIAN OCEAN (INCLUDING DIGO GARCIA, ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL, AND "GREAT POWER BUILDUP") IS HIGHLY TOPICAL IN AUSTRALIA AND WILL PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED DURING CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN. GOVERNMENT WILL BE ENDEAVORING TO CAPITALIZE ON ITS PUBLICISED INITIATIVE OF URGING US AND USSR TO NEGOTIATE MUTAL RESTRAINT IN INDIAN OCEAN. OPPOSITION WILL, IN CONTRAST, STRESS ITS APPROVAL OF US EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN BALANCE IN AREA AND ITS SUPPORT OF DIAGOARCIA PROJECT.

2. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR SENIOR US OFFICIAL (PERHAPS SY WEISS OR OWEN ZURHELLEN) TO MEET WITH RENOUF AND REHEARSE US STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND POLICY THINKING. FACTUAL DATA ON SOVIET PRESENCE AND ACCESS TO PORT FACILITIES WOULD BE USEFUL, AS WELL AS DESCRIPTIONOF LIMITED SCOPE DIEGO GARCIA PROPOSAL. RENOUF AND HIS DEPARTMENT GENERALLY SYMPATHIZE
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PROVIDE THEM WITH AMMUNITION.

3. RENOUF WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INQUIRE ABOUT PROSPECT OF US/SOVIET AGREEMENT TO LIMIT MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN.
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